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**REQUEST  
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Application Number	09/660,917
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Art Unit	2817
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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 16, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A network coupler for network users in a network having a first line (1) and a second line (2) for transmitting both data and energy, comprising:
- a first primary coil (4; 13; 21; 32) and a second primary coil (5; 14; 22; 33), each having a first terminal and a second terminal, with said first terminals coupled to said first and second lines (1, 2) respectively and said second terminals interconnected at a power supply point (3; 23; 36) for coupling said energy;